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Rev. H. J. Hunt, Esq.

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Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. H. Hunt

Secretary of the Board of Education

State of New York

Albany, N. Y.

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Enclosed find a copy of the report of the Board of Education.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. H. Hunt

Secretary of the Board of Education

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OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,

WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1821.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.* Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church.
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector of St. Philip's Church.
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church.
The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffe-borough.
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw.
The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort.
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's Berkley.
The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, St. John's, Colleton.
The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector, Edisto Island.
The Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister of St. Bartholomew's.
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.
The Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon, Upper and Lower St. Mark's.
The Rev. David J. Campbell, Deacon, St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks.
The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James, Goose Creek.
The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Christ Church.
The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena, St. Helena Island.
The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, Deacon, Minister of St. Luke's.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Church, Charleston.*—David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, William Read, M. D. John Bay, Robert J. Turnbull.
St. Philip's, Charleston.—Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot, Thomas Corbett, Joseph Johnson, M. D. Colonel Henry H. Bacot.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.—William Brisbane, Major Andrew Hassell.

Prince George, Winyaw.—Hon. Benjamin Huger, William W. Trapier, John M. Taylor.

St. John's, Berkley.—Isaac Ball, John Ball, James Cordes.

Edisto Island.—Edward Mitchell, M. D. Robert S. Jenkins.

St. Bartholomew's.—Charles Webb, William M. Smith, Charles C. Pinckney, jun.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—Major John S. Cogdell, William Lance.

Claremont.—Hon. John S. Richardson, Col. Orlando S. Rees, Col. M. I. Keith.

Upper St. Mark's.—Charles Richardson, Capt. Robert Brailsford.

Lower St. Mark's.—William Alexander Colclough.

St. James', Goose Creek.—Peter Smith.

Christ Church.—William Hort, Col Jacob B. P'On, F. G. Deliesseline.

St. Luke's.—Thomas S. Grimke.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.—Hon. Daniel E. Huger, Edward Brailsford, M. D.

St. Peter's, Greenville District.—Charles Kershaw.

St. James', Greenville District.—John Dawson.

St. Paul's, Pendleton District.—Col. Thomas Pinckney.

The following Clergymen were entitled to seats, but did not attend the Convention :

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector of Claremont.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Deacon, All-Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Deacon, St. Paul's, Pendleton, and St. Peter's, and St. James', Greenville District.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday February 14th, 1821.

THIS being the day appointed by a Special Resolution, for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Bishop with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past ten o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's, Berkley, and an appropriate discourse delivered by the Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector of Christ Church Parish. The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector of St. James', Goose Creek, assisted the Bishop in administering the Lord's Supper.

After the usual religious services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, took the Chair, *ex-officio*, and the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, acted as Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, and the following Lay-Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, which were read and approved:

St. Michael's.—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander, Robert Hazlehurst, William Read, M. D. John Bay.

St. Philip's.—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas Lowndes, Thomas W. Bacot, Thomas Corbett.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.—The Rev. Christian Hanckell, Rector; William Brisbane, Major Andrew Hasell.

Prince George, Winyaw.—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector; Hon. Benjamin Huger, William W. Trapier, John M. Taylor.

St. Helena, Beaufort.—The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector.

St. John's, Berkley.—The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Isaac Ball, John Ball, James Cordes.

St. John's, Colleton.—The Rev. William H. Wilson, Deacon; the Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

Edisto Island.—The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector; Edward Mitchell, M. D. Robert S. Jenkins.

St. Bartholomew's.—The Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister; Charles Webb, William Mason Smith, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, jun.

Trinity Church, Columbia.—The Rev. Patrick H. Folker.

Claremont.—Hon. John S. Richardson, Col. Orlando S. Rees. Col. M. I. Keith.

Upper St. Mark's.—Charles Richardson, Capt. Robert Brailsford.

Lower St. Mark's.—The Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks.—The Rev. David J. Campbell, Deacon.

St. James', Goose Creek.—The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector; Peter Smith.

Christ Church.—The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector; William Hort, Col. Jacob B. P'On.

Grace Church.—The Hon. Daniel E. Huger, Edward Brailsford, M.D.

St. Peter's, Greenville District.—Charles Kershaw.

St. James', Greenville District.—John Dawson.

St. Paul's, Pendleton District.—Col. Thomas Pinckney.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, by ballot, when it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was unanimously re-elected.

Resolved, On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Muller, for his seasonable and impressive discourse, on the importance of a learned education for the Ministry, delivered before them this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Conformably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church." the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen, delivered the following Address :—

My Brethren of the Clergy and the Laity,

PERMIT me, before you take up the business of the day, to proceed to the duty of addressing you, as required of me, by the 45th Canon of our Church. At a later hour, it might be an inconvenient interruption of your proceedings.

Of transactions strictly peculiar to the Diocesan capacity, in which I address you, there is but little, on this occasion to be stated. The necessity of an absence from my own Parish, of five or six weeks, in order to my being present at the General Convention, held in May last at Philadelphia, associated with it in my own estimation of the duties of the year, an obligation to be at other seasons, less occupied than usual, among the other Churches of the Diocess. This circumscribing of my visitation duties, was rendered less a matter of regret, than it would otherwise have been, by the consideration, that the letter of Canonical requisition not having been the only rule, by which the performance of these duties had been regulated, most of the Churches of the Diocess had been visited, in the course of the year and a half preceding, and many of them more than once. Since your last meeting in Convention, only the Church on Edisto Island, St. John's Church, Colleton, St. Bartholomew's and St. Luke's Parishes, have been officially visited. To the last named of these, my visit was in a great measure frustrated, by extreme inclemency of weather. Divine Service was not performed; and there was but little opportunity of conversing with those most willing to enter into the solicitude which I have indulged,

that our Church should be restored to the respectable condition it once had, in that interesting, populous, and wealthy part of the country. At present, Divine Service is performed, at Coosawhatchie and the Parish Church, alternately, by the Rev. Mr. Sitgreaves, of Pennsylvania; and there is reason to hope, that through the divine blessing on his endeavours, a Church will be erected at the first mentioned of those places, or in its vicinity. In St. Bartholomew's Parish, now served by the Rev. Mr. Anthon, from New-York, the new Building erected on the site of the Brick Chapel, at Ashepoo, was consecrated by the name of Edmonsbury Chapel.

Confirmation has been administered, since the last Convention, at Edisto, St. John's, Colleton, in St. Michael's, St. Paul's, and St. Philip's Churches, in this city, and at St. Bartholomews.

In the month of March last, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, was admitted to Priests' Orders; and at Edisto, the Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, was admitted to the same order of the Ministry, in April; some of my Brethren of the city, having attended me thither, for the purpose of assisting in that office. Mr. W. H. Mitchell of this city, was, on Friday last, admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.

It has been my endeavour, in the course of the year, to avail myself, as usual, of the generous aid, which the Society for the "Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," is always ready, according to the state of its means, to afford, in supplying some remoter parts of the State, where members of our Church were understood to be settled, and to be desirous of them, with the services of our Ministry. St. David's Parish, Chatham, the mission instituted at which by the Society, was reported to you at the last Convention, has been served from January last, until December, by the Rev. Mr. Fowler; and with the aid of the "Missionary Funds" of North-Carolina, it is hoped, that an appointment of the same kind, may be made at that place, and at Wadesborough, where Mr. Fowler had also formed a congregation, which may have important effects on the religious condition and character of that hitherto little observed quarter of the country. The Rev. Mr. Folker, has also performed Missionary Services, in behalf of the Society, in the North Western part of the State; and under the auspices of the same excellent institution, the Rev. Mr. Dickinson, duly recognized and approved, according to the Canons, by virtue of a regular certificate of dismissal from the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, has recently been appointed a Missionary, at Pendleton, Greenville, and the South-Carolina Armoury; at each of which places, he had in June last, been instrumental of organizing an Episcopal Church; viz: St. Paul's Church, at Pendleton, St. James' Church, at Greenville, and at the Armoury, St. Peter's Church. In the distribution of Prayer Books, Tracts, &c. and in other modes of operation, prescribed for it, by its constitution, the Society has at the same time faithfully pursued its excellent and pious end; and, as will appear by the report of the Trustees, ready for delivery to the Members of the Institution, has in no degree, suffered the merit of its claims, on the zealous support and patronage of the Church, with which it is identified, to be impaired.

Exertion has not been wanting, in the year past, further to promote the Charity of Sunday Schools in the Diocese, and make such Institutions as useful as possible, in conveying Christian knowledge and happiness to the poor and lowly. Considerable attention has been given to this highly important Charity, by many pious members of our Congregations in this city; and there is reason to be persuaded, that many poor, and children of the poor, will bless the conductors of these Schools, as the best of earthly benefactors. Is the Institution of Sunday Schools, consisting of the Children of some, at least, of the humbler inhabitants of their Parishes, to be dispaired of by the Clergy, who minister in our Country Churches? In many of them, I am aware, that the attempt would be unprofitable and vain. In all, perhaps, it might not: and the readiness, with which, the poor were induced in not a few instances, to bring or send their children from various distances in the country, to the Sunday School instituted by the Rev. Mr. Hanckell at Columbia, gives encouragement to think that in other Parishes where the poor are few and scattered, some benefit might, in this way be imparted to them.

Since your last meeting in Convention, no removals of Clergymen from the Diocese, have taken place. The Rev. Mr. Adams has, to the great and reasonable sorrow of his people, given notice of his intention to resign the Charge of Claremont Church in the spring, and to return to the Northward. The Rev. Mr. Dickinson, from Massachusetts, has removed into this Diocese, and the Rev. Mr. Anthon, and the Rev. Mr. Sitgreaves, the first from New-York, and the other from Pennsylvania, are temporarily engaged in supplying St. Bartholomew's Parish, and St. Luke's. The Rev. Mr. Pogson has gratuitously resumed the Rectorship of St. James', Goose Creek, and is now recognized in the Diocese, as sustaining that office. The Rev. Mr. Hanckell has resigned the Charge of Trinity Church, Columbia, and accepted that of St. Paul's, Ratcliffeborough. The Rev. Mr. Folker, has accepted an invitation to supply the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Hankell's removal from Columbia.

No persons have been received by me, as Candidates for Orders, within the year; and two of those previously received, have been furnished with letters dimissory, in order to their availing themselves, if they should find it expedient to do so, during an absence, contemplated by them, of a year and upwards from the state, of the advantages of study at the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

There being reason to believe that there is in some parts of the state, property, which, originally given or granted to the Episcopal Church, is no longer used for the support of the offices of this Church, in consequence of the decay or dissolution of the Parishes in which it lies, I have thought it probable that you would consider it consistent with the purposes of this Convention, to refer the subject of property so circumstanced, to a committee, who, in conjunction with a committee of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, might be instructed to adopt such measures as might

secure, if possible, this property to the uses of the Protestant Episcopal Church within this state.

With the proceedings of the Church in the late Triennial General Convention, it is hoped that you have become acquainted by means of the thorough circulation, which it was endeavoured to give the journal of them as forwarded for the supply of the Church, in this Diocess. Some copies of that document, more recently received, are, however, on the table of the Secretary, for the use of any members of the Convention, who may not have had an opportunity of perusing it.

In referring to the proceedings of that body, always interesting to each particular Diocess, and every individual member of it, several things present themselves, on which, I could have wished to submit to you some remarks. I must not, however, detain you longer, than may be necessary to notice in some manner, one subject involved in them, of prominent and peculiar interest.

To provide by the combined exertions of the members of our Church, in all parts of the United States, for the education of Candidates for the Ministry, in a manner suitable to the importance of the work to which they destined themselves, and proportioned to the advances which other denominations had made in providing themselves with well educated Ministers, has for many years, been, with no small number of persons in our communion, an object of the utmost solicitude. It was thought that the best mode of inducing a general interest in this object, and of procuring funds adequate to its happy execution, was that of proposing it to the attention of all portions of our Church alike, in measures adopted in General Convention. Accordingly, the subject was so brought before that body in 1817, as to occasion the Institution of a General Theological Seminary, in the city of New-York. The late Convention, for reasons seeming to them sufficient, have transferred it from New-York, to the city of New-Haven; and committed it to the care and government of a Board of Trustees, constituted by their election. With respect to this measure of the General Convention, permit me respectfully to suggest to you the question,—what constitutes the duty of the Church in this Diocess? The right of any particular Diocess, notwithstanding these proceedings of the General Convention, to institute its own Seminary or Seminaries of Theological education, has been asserted and assented to. While, therefore, we recognize the propriety, with which any of the larger or more wealthy Diocesses may proceed, so long as nothing is done that violates the unity of the Church, by contravening its Canonical provisions, to apply their own means to their own interest in this particular, as estimated by themselves, we cannot, at the same time, but be forcibly affected by the claim which the measures of the General Convention of our Church, on this subject, have to our attention. The subject itself is of the first possible importance. None of us can, for a moment, be indifferent to it. There cannot be a member of this body, who can be unaware of the importance of sound, systematic, learned education for the ministry, or of the want of it, by which, at present, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, is in danger of being enfeebled and depressed. What, then, with respect to this want, is our duty? To meditate the institution of a

Diocesan Seminary here, would be futile. Our Students would be too few, our means inadequate to the suitable support, of suitable instructors. No such purpose can, in the present state of the Diocese, be contemplated. The measure of the General Convention, therefore, claims from us peculiar attention, on account of local circumstances, and is to us peculiarly interesting. But I am bound to ask your respectful attention to it, on the ground of higher considerations. I dread the disregard of measures adopted by the highest authority of our Church: and if there be reason on the one hand, to look with some apprehension of their instability, to measures adopted on this important subject, in a large deliberative assembly, always changeable as to those who compose it, as well as to opinions, as persons, and always liable to the agitating influences of individual or local peculiarities of sentiment or character, yet are there not, on the other, considerations obviously presenting themselves, which as yet demand for those measures, our respect, our confidence, and our cordial co-operation? Precaution necessary to the security as far as possible, of our contributions in money to the execution of the design in general, from being consumed in the useless expenses of ill concerted arrangements, or applied in a manner at variance with their true intent, might not be inconsistent with the honour and support, which we may consider the design itself to require; while absolutely to withhold such honour and support, might imply distrust, neither becoming ourselves, nor consistent with the just claims of others. The preservation of our Church, in all the sound integrity of its venerable excellence of doctrine, discipline and worship, is the great object of our united prayers and efforts. We may trust that the General Seminary will be duly instrumental of this; and when it is ascertained to be otherwise, it will become our duty, as it always will be our privilege, to withdraw from under its influence, the minds of all who here may destine themselves to the Ministry of our Church. In the mean time, in what more satisfactory manner can we discharge the duty, which we cannot but feel to be incumbent on us, of promoting, that great interest of the Church, the proper and effectual education of her Ministry, than by giving our aid to the execution of the measures now in hand, under the authority of the General Convention?—Perhaps the appointment of a Committee, to take the subject into consideration, and report to this Convention some scheme of conduct with respect to it, may appear to you not improper to have a place among the other objects of your present attention. If it shall appear to you otherwise, I shall acquiesce in your better judgment; and shall not consider your declining to act according to this suggestion, as any evidence of indifference to the business to which it relates. It is I am sure, a business that cannot but deeply interest you. It vitally interests your Church; the Church of your fathers; the Church which you revere for its ancient excellence and dignity; and in which you take delight, as the best depository upon earth, of pure primitive Christianity. This Church labours under the influence of circumstances, to which her friends do not enough advert. Rendered independent of all foreign alliance or control by the separation of these states from the Parent Country, she improved the liberty which became her privilege, in

modifying her discipline and worship, in a manner which makes her the admiration and praise of all Protestant Christendom. She is wanting in no excellence of doctrine, or worship, or polity—her want is that of Ministers duly to serve her altar. Separated from the resources on which she in so great a degree depended, it became her misfortune to find her fair field already “white to the harvest,” occupied by a very inadequate number of reapers. And in a sense as real and afflicting, it became her misfortune to be in want of such means of training and qualifying men for her Ministry, as the suitable supply of her necessities required. Other denominations of Christians, from the first period of our Colonial history, were provided by the liberal use of their own resources, independent of foreign aid, or with little other help from abroad, than that which the sympathy of brethren there of the same “household of faith,” might have afforded, with respectable schools of education, of both their youth and Ministry. Yet we have seen *them*, since, heaping thousands upon thousands into the treasuries of such institutions. In the case of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Colonies, dependence was chiefly, upon a source of supply for Ministers, which was necessarily closed with the Revolution, except as to such, as it was rarely profitable for this Church to receive into her service. She had no colleges for the training of her own youth in her own principles. She had not one Professorship of Theology, or any institution that might serve the purpose of giving systematic instruction to candidates for her Ministry. Yet when the question is asked, what, since that period, have Episcopalians done, to provide against the depressing and embarrassing effects of such deficiencies, it can receive no answer but such, as it is mortifying indeed to give. Certainly, my brethren, there has seemed too great an insensibility to these objects, in the minds of the people of our communion. May God, in mercy, forbid that this state of things should continue! It were an awful sign of his displeasure resting upon our Church, and could not but reduce it, with all its intrinsic excellence, to a feeble, sickly and unsound state of existence, in which little of its real character would appear in its ordinary aspect, or in the conduct of its affairs and ministrations. But I am perhaps, unnecessarily detaining you, with an expression of feelings, of which the minds of many present, are no doubt as full as my own. I will leave the subject, and trust in the sufficiency of the zeal for it, with which others are affected. May the peaceable, benevolent, and gentle spirit of the religion of Christ characterise your proceedings, and the blessing of heaven rest upon them, to the glory of God, and the comfort and advantage of his Church.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the Clergy of the several Churches in the Diocese, do read the Bishop’s Address to their Congregations, for general information.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that a Committee of five be appointed, to take into consideration the subject of the education of Candidates for the Ministry, at the General Theological Seminary; and report to the present Convention.

Whereupon, the Bishop appointed the following Gentlemen; viz: Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Hon. Benjamin Huger, Rev. Mr. Hanckell, Hon. Daniel E. Huger, John M. Taylor.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who are not entitled to seats, and the Candidates for Holy Orders in this Church, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock.

Thursday, February 15, 1821.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, of St. Michael's. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church on St. Helena Island, appeared and took his seat.

The following Lay-Delegates attended, and presented certificates of their appointment, which were severally read and approved; viz:— Joseph Johnson, M. D. from St. Philip's; William Alex. Colclough, from Lower St. Mark's; F. G. Deleisseline, from Christ Church; Maj. John S. Cogdell, and William Lance, from Trinity Church, Columbia; and Robert J. Turnbull, from St. Michael's, Charleston.

Mr. Brisbane, from the Committee appointed to publish the Journals, made the following report; viz: "The Committee who were appointed by the Convention of 1818, to publish all the Journals of that body, beg leave to Report: That the object of their appointment was accomplished in March last, and respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

"Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, for his useful and valuable History of the Church in this Diocese, which accompanies the Journals of this Convention.

"Resolved, that the Secretary do procure a copy of this work, and also of the Journals of the General Convention; and that he do likewise procure and preserve copies of the future Journals of this and of the General Convention, to be bound up for the use of this Convention."

The question being taken on each of these Resolutions, they were unanimously agreed to.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, and by the 11th Rule of the Convention of this Diocese, were presented by the Clergy and read; viz:

St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Marriages 22; Baptisms 67; Burials 21.

Communicants, about 480; of whom about 130 are people of colour.

There is a Sunday School at this Church consisting of about 75 children; but its conductors have not succeeded in their endeavours to gather into it many children of the poor.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

- The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.
- The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 91, total 97. Marriages 16; Burials 71.
Communicants, about 340 white, 190 persons of colour, total 530.

The Sunday School which opened in May last with 29 scholars, and 4 teachers, has, at present, nearly 200 children, (145 white and about 50 of colour) and 18 teachers. Several of the children are *wholly indebted* to this charity for their religious instruction, and a few for the knowledge of the first elements of reading. Acquaintance formed with the children of the poor, has led to their obtaining proper clothing, their introduction into the public Schools, and their admission into the Church by Baptism. The zeal and perseverance of the Ladies and Gentlemen, who act as voluntary teachers in this rising institution, authorize us to report that it is in a flourishing condition.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hancell, Rector.

Marriages 3; Baptisms 28; Burials 11.

Communicants, about 70. Sunday School, about 60 children.

The Rector having just entered upon the duties of his office, this report was signed by one of the Church Wardens.

Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector.

Marriages 3; Baptisms 25; Burials 10.

Communicants, about 70.

St. Helena, Beaufort.

The Rev. John B. Campbell, Rector.

Marriage 1; Baptism 1. Communicants as before.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Baptisms, 1 white child; and 12 adults and 10 children of colour; total 23. Marriages 1; Burials 8.

Communicants, 41 whites, and 15 persons of colour. During the past year one new white communicant was added, whilst 3 removed and 2 died. Three new communicants of colour were also added.

The following Report was made by the Rector of St. John's, Berkley, to the Bishop:

"I state with pleasure, that the work which I have undertaken, of in-

structing and christianizing the slaves in my Cure, progresses prosperously. Although I was absent from the Parish from the first of May to the first of December last, I have not yet understood since my return, that any of those who have joined the Church, have gone astray, or brought any reproach upon their christian profession. Several have also lately been added to the candidates for catechetical instruction.

"At Mr. Isaac Ball's plantation, where, during last winter, so many came forward to be enrolled as catechumens, I continue to attend on every Sunday, that I officiate at Strawberry Chapel. It will no doubt afford you great satisfaction, Right Rev. Sir, to learn that I have the Evening Service regularly there, Mr. Ball himself and family attending, and joining in the responses. With satisfaction I inform you likewise, that at the plantation of Mr. Lawrence M. Dawson, I have commenced the same practice on those Sundays, when I officiate at Biggin Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and children, together with another white family residing on the place, attend and join in the Service. At both places, after Evening Service, I proceed to instruct the slaves, catechetically, as many as are desirous thereof, and then address them, in language as much as possible suited to their capacities, exhorting them to persevere, and to be circumspect in their conduct. And I fondly flatter myself, and earnestly pray, that these exertions will eventually prove beneficial; and I humbly bespeak your prayers, as well as those of every other pious person, for the divine blessing upon them."

St. John's, Colleton.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Deacon.

Baptisms 6; Communicants, 16 white and 3 black; total 19.

Edisto Island.

The Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector.

Baptisms 8; Burials 5. Communicants, 22, eleven of whom were added during the last year; and seven coloured persons.

St. Bartholomew's.

The Rev. Henry Anthon, Minister.

Baptisms 9; Burials 1; Communicants 14.

The Wardens and Vestry of this Parish have lately made arrangements for the partial repair of the Building near Parker's Ferry, known by the name of Ponpon Chapel; and there appears to be every disposition among the Parishioners, to complete the good work, which has been began.

St. Helena Island.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector.

Marriages 2; Baptisms 3; Burials 2. Communicants 13, one having died, and one been added.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Christian Hanckell, late Rector.

Baptisms 9 ; Burials 6 ; Communicants 35. Sunday School, about 60 Scholars.

Claremont.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Rector.

Marriages 3 ; Baptisms 2 ; Burials 5. Communicants 32 ; four added, five removed, and one dead. Black Communicants 9. Families 23.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

Camden.

The Rev. Parker Adams, Visitor.

Baptisms 3.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

St. Matthew's.

The Rev. Francis P. De Lavaux, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 infants and one adult ; Marriages 3 ; Burials 3 ; Communicants 21 ; four removed, and one dead.

This Report was forwarded to the Convention.

Upper St. Mark's.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon.

Baptisms 3 ; Burials 2 ; Communicants 5.

Lower St. Mark's.

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Deacon.

Baptisms 9 ; Burials 3 ; Communicants about 20.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak and the Rocks.

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Deacon.

Baptisms 13 ; Marriages 5 ; Burials 14.

St. Thomas' and St. Dennis.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Visitor.

Marriages 1 ; Baptisms 1.

St. James' Goose-Creek.

The Rev. Milward Pogson, Rector.

Marriages 2 ; Baptisms 2 ; Communicants 5.

Christ Church.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, Rector.

Baptisms, 12 adults, 3 infants ; total 15 ; Marriages 1 ; Burials 4 ; Communicants 12 white, and 40 coloured persons ; total 52.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden from the Committee "appointed to take into consideration the subject of the education of Candidates for the Ministry," submitted the following Resolutions :

The Committee appointed yesterday on the General Theological Seminary, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions :

I. That this Convention fully appreciate the advantages likely to accrue from the establishment of the General Theological Seminary.

II- That they are disposed to acquiesce in, and forward, any arrangements made by the General Convention, to foster this desirable object, and to contribute their full proportion to the support of the same.

III. That it is their opinion and wish, that the people of this Diocese should act simultaneously with the people of the other Diocesses, in promoting the establishment of the General Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

IV. That they have heard with much satisfaction, of the present state and prospects of the General Seminary, and that their thanks are hereby tendered to its acting Professors, the Right Rev. Dr. Brownell, and Professor Turner.

The question being taken upon each of these Resolutions, they were, severally, unanimously agreed to.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, *Resolved*, that the President of the Convention be requested to lay before them, any documents in his possession, relative to the organization of Churches, in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Pendleton, Greenville, and the South-Carolina Armoury in this State.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbes submitted the following Canon to the consideration of the Convention: Any Church or Churches newly organized within this Diocese, or not previously represented in this Convention, may send Delegates to the same, on their transmitting sufficient evidence of the due organization of the said Church or Churches, in conformity with the Doctrine, Rites and Polity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

On motion, ordered to lie on the Table.

The Rev. Mr. Hancell called up the Report made to the last Convention, by the Committee "appointed to inquire whether any, and what alterations are necessary in the Rules for the government of the

Convention," The consideration of the Report having been postponed to the present Convention, it was now read; when, on motion of the Hon. Judge Huger, it was referred to a Committee. Whereupon, the President appointed Judge Huger, the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, Robert J. Turnbull, the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Charles C. Pinckney, jun. and John M. Taylor.

The new Canon proposed by the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, was, on motion, referred to the same Committee.

The Hon. Judge Huger, from Grace Church, read a report from a committee of the Vestry and Wardens of that Church, in reply to a Circular Letter from the Secretary of the Convention, enclosing the Resolution introduced by Mr. Simons at the last Convention. They recommend, "that instead of the plan proposed by the Convention, the members of this Vestry should each subscribe the amount of their State Tax, for the year 1820, one fourth thereof to be paid annually for the four next ensuing years, in aid of the Bishop's Permanent Fund; deducting such amount as may have been heretofore subscribed or paid by them for the same purpose. And that the Vestry recommend to the members of this Congregation to do the same." The report being accepted by the Vestry, and a subscription paper prepared accordingly, the Delegates from that Church were directed to communicate the report to the Convention.

Mr. Alexander, from St. Michael's, read the reply of the Vestry of that Church, to the aforesaid Letter of the Secretary. It states, "that they cannot with any propriety recommend to their Congregation, to pay any part of their income in aid of the Bishop's Permanent Fund." &c. "And that they indulge the most sanguine expectation, that the Convention may yet turn their attention to the present situation of St. Michael's, and make some arrangement which will have for its object, the relief of the Church from its actual embarrassment, and more effectually provide for the *present* support of the Bishop of the Diocese, the means for which have, hitherto, to their great disappointment, been almost altogether furnished by the Vestry of this Church," &c.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, President of the Standing Committee, read a report, stating, that they had performed the duty committed to them by the last Convention, in relation to the Bishop's Fund. They addressed a Circular Letter to the Collectors for that fund, in the several Parishes, and now lay before the Convention several letters and statements relating to the subject.

The Secretary reported, that he had sent Circular Letters to the Vestries of the several parishes, enclosing Mr. Simons' resolution, and likewise a Circular Letter to the Clergy, requesting Sermons to be preached in aid of the Bishop's Fund, &c.

These Reports, Letters and statements, were, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen: Hon. Benj. Huger, John Dawson, Col. Thomas Pinckney, David Alexander, and Doctor Joseph Johnson.

The President read to the Convention the following Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society:

"The Board of Trustees of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, beg leave to lay before the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, a General Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, since February 1820; by which it will appear that the balance in hand, as reported at the last Convention, was - - \$165 12

That in the course of the last year, there was

Collected from St. Philip's Congregation,	-	-	705
from St. Michael's Congregation,	-	-	220
and interest received	-	-	50

Making a total of - - - \$1,140 58

Of which sum there was laid out in Stock \$1091.

And paid to the Bishop's Common Fund

3-4ths of the interest received, in conformity to a Resolution of the Convention,

- - - 37 85 1,128 85

Leaving a balance in hand of - - - \$11 73

"The Board of Trustees further Report, that the Collections made the last year, from the several Churches where Sermons have been preached in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund, amount to \$339 91

To which add the 3-4ths of the interest received }
from the Permanent Fund, }

37 85

Total of Collections for the Common Fund, \$377 76

"The Book containing the account of the Trustees, for the above-mentioned Funds, is laid upon the Table for the inspection of the members of the Convention.

"Charleston, 5th February, 1821.

"In behalf of the Board,

"NATHANIEL BOWEN.

"*President of the Society.*"

It was *Resolved*, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, that the Report be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Board of Trustees of the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, for their great attention to the trust committed to them by this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint two Clergymen to preach at the opening of the next Convention; one to officiate in the case of the other's failure. Whereupon, the President appointed the Rev. Allston Gibbes, and the Rev. Maurice H. Lance.

The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary of the Standing Committee, read the proceedings of that body for the last year.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the President do appoint the Standing Committee. Whereupon, the President appointed;

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Joseph Johnson, M. D.
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	William Brisbane,
The Rev. Allston Gibbes,	Keating Simons,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	John Dawson.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock.

Friday, February 16, 1821.

The Convention met agreeably to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Lance, Rector of Prince George, Winyaw.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, Deacon, officiating in St. Luke's Parish, appeared and took his seat. The following gentlemen attended and presented certificates of their appointment as Lay-Delegates, which were severally read and approved; viz: Thomas S. Grinke, from St. Luke's, and Col. Henry H. Bacot, from St. Philip's.

The President laid on the table for the inspection of the members, several Letters, &c. belonging to *the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, relating to the formation and organization of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton; and St. Peters and St. James', Greenville.

Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gervais, that no member shall be allowed to speak more than twice, upon any question that may come before the Convention.

The Hon. Judge Huger made the following Report:

The Committee to whom were referred several Resolutions, altering the fundamental Rules of the Convention, beg leave to report—that, in the progress of their investigation, it appeared necessary, not only to consider the propriety of altering the particular Rules contemplated in the Resolutions referred, but to review all the Rules, now of force, for the government of the Convention. Several of them are omitted, in the Constitution now proposed, as unnecessary; the Canons of the General Convention having sufficiently provided for their observance. The 9th and 11th of the old Rules are in this situation. The 12th Rule has been transposed and made the 8th, in the plan now submitted. This Rule has been amended though not materially. A new Rule has been introduced, giving to Missionaries the right of sitting in this Convention, but not of voting. The 8th Rule, is the only one which has been materially altered. The 9th Article in the Constitution proposed, has been substituted therefor. If adopted, the Convention will be divided into two Orders, Clergy and Laity, each of which will have a negative upon the proceedings of the other. The phraseology of most of the Rules has been a little varied, producing, however, it is believed, no material change, except in the cases already noticed. Should the Constitution now proposed be adopted, it will necessarily operate as a repeal of the old rules.

Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention ; as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, for their government :

Article 1st.—A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time; and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention; but if a sufficient number of the Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

Article 2d.—Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the State, to represent them in the State Convention: The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

Article 3d.—The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

Article 4th.—Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church employed in this Diocese, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

Article 5th.—The Bishop of the Diocese, shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

Article 6th.—A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (to continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

Article 7th.—A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

Article 8th.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

Article 9th.—In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, the members shall vote individually. But any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, shall have it in their power to require a separate vote of each order; in which case, the Clergymen shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen employed in the same Church having but one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (the majority of each delegation having but one vote): The concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention.

Article 10th.—Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be censured, suspended or degraded, as the Convention shall determine; and in case of degradation, the Bishop shall pronounce the sentence, and he shall request (in the name of the Convention) the Vestry or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, to dismiss him from the charge of their Church.

Article 11th.—The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and, generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State.

Article 12th.—No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this State, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

Article 13th.—To the intent that the Church in this State should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their Colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

Article 14th.—The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, ac-

cording to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, shall be used in the Churches of this Association.

Article 15th.—No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

Mr. Alexander moved, to postpone the further consideration of this Report, until the next Convention, and that it be published in the Journals for the information of the Churches. After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

It was then moved, and agreed to, that the Constitution be read Article by Article, and the question taken on each separately.

The Preamble was then read, and agreed to.

Article 1st.—Agreed to.

Article 2d.—Agreed to.

Article 3d.—Agreed to.

Article 4th.—Agreed to.

Article 5th.—It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Chanler, to erase the word "attending," and insert the word "Clerical." The question being taken, it was lost. The question was then taken upon the Article as Reported, and agreed to.

Article 6th.—Agreed to.

Article 7th.—Agreed to.

Article 8th.—Agreed to.

Article 9th.—Mr. Alexander moved the postponement of the further consideration of this Article, until to-morrow. The question being taken, it was lost. The question was then taken by Churches upon the Article as reported, and lost, there being 13 Churches for, and 7 against it, the concurrence of two-thirds being necessary to alter a Rule of the Convention,

It was then decided, that the 8th of the Old Rules, for which this was proposed as a substitute, should remain of force.

Article 10th.—It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, to amend the Article by adding: "In the event of the Episcopate being vacant, the Bishop of some other Diocess shall be invited to "pronounce sentence of deposition or degradation from the Ministry," in conformity with the 6th Article of the "Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." The question being taken by Churches, it was not carried, there being 10 for the motion, and 10 against it. The question was then taken upon the Article as reported, and agreed to.

Article 11th.—Agreed to.

Article 12th.—Agreed to.

Article 13th.—It was moved by the Hon Judge Huger, to amend this Article by adding, “ Or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.” The question being taken on the amendment, it was unanimously agreed to. The question being then taken on the Article as amended, it was unanimously agreed to.

Article 14th.—Agreed to.

Article 15th.—Agreed to.

The question was then taken upon the whole as amended, and carried, by Churches, as follows :

AYES.

St. Michael's.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.
Prince George, Winyaw.
St. Helena, Beaufort.
Edisto Island.
St. Bartholomews.
St. Helena Island.
Upper St. Mark's.
St. Stephen's, Black Oak
and the Rocks.
St. James', Goose-Creek.
Grace Church.
St. James', Greenville District.
St. Paul's, Pendleton District—13.

NOES.

St. Philip's.
St. John's, Berkley.
St. John's, Colleton.
St. Luke's.
Lower St. Mark's.—5.

DIVIDED.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

[*The Constitution, as amended and adopted, is published at the end of the Journal.*]

Adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock.

Saturday, February 17th, 1821.

The Convention met according to adjournment, and Prayers were read by the Rev. Joseph M. Gilbert, Rector of the Church on Edisto Island.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

At the suggestion of the Secretary, the Convention *Resolved unanimously*, that the word “ Association,” in the 14th Art. of the Constitution, passed yesterday, be erased, and the word “ Diocess” inserted in its place.

It was moved by Mr. Turnbull, to omit in the Journals the Report of the Committee on the Rules, and to insert the new Constitution as finally adopted. The question being taken it was lost.

The Hon. Benjamin Huger, from the Committee on the Bishop's Fund, made the following Report :

" The Committee to whom was referred the state of the Bishop's Fund, and various Documents connected therewith, respectfully Report :

" That they have freely communicated with each other, and paid every attention to the subject, which the shortness of the time allotted to its consideration would permit. They sincerely regret to find the partial success, which appears to have attended past exertions, either in establishing a Permanent Fund, or procuring aid for the immediate exigences of the passing day; and are painfully impressed with a sense of the difficulty of devising any efficient plan, where the Convention can only *recommend*, and every thing to be obtained, depends altogether upon the good feeling, and voluntary contributions of individuals, or private Institutions; yet a good deal, all circumstances considered, has been accomplished. Nor will they suffer themselves for a moment to doubt, but that sooner or later, in one shape or other, something efficient may be effected. For the present, however, and especially until there exists a better understanding, and greater conformity of opinion in regard to the raising ways and means for the exigences of the day, as well as for a Permanent Fund, the Committee fear, their zeal can do little more than propose measures, similar to those heretofore adopted, and recommend, that they be enforced with renewed and persevering exertions. Under these impressions, they beg leave to offer the following Resolutions :

" *Resolved*, that, (it being of essential importance to obtain *distinctly* the opinion of the several Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocess, and ascertain their disposition to contribute, in one way or other, both to the present and permanent support of the Bishop's Fund,) the Secretary of the Convention do, at an early period, address the Vestry of each Church, earnestly requesting of them, to obtain and communicate the sense and disposition of their several Congregations on the subject, and proposing to them—to contribute; by a per centage on the State tax of each individual—by a per centage on the Income of each respective Church—by a small, but specific sum, to be paid by each Individual—or, by any other preferable mode—towards the support of the Bishop's Fund.

" *Resolved*, that the Convention renew, and specially recommend, the Resolutions heretofore adopted by their Predecessors; requiring that once in each and every year, at some suitable and convenient time, and favourable occasion, a Sermon be preached in every Church in this Diocess, in aid of the support of a Bishop, until the Bishop's Fund shall be adequate thereto; and that the sums collected be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, and be applicable to the immediate support of a Bishop.

" *Resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention, it is highly just, proper, becoming and desirable, that St. Michael's Church should be aided and relieved from the unequal burden, to which they have been subjected, of almost exclusively supporting, and enabling the Bishop to

bestow his Pastoral attention to the different Congregations of his Diocese.

“ *Resolved*, further, therefore, as nothing under God, is likely to tend more to the advancement and success of the Church, than that the Head of it, should be authorized and enabled to devote, at least a portion of his time, to its general concerns and interest, and to foster, encourage and excite, by frequent and alternate visits, the several Congregations of this Diocese : That it be the duty of the Standing Committee to make application to, and respectfully, but urgently request, on the part of this Convention, the assistance of the “ Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,” (whose funds flow in a greater or less degree from the whole body of the members of the Church,) in promoting this desirable and all-important object.

“ *Resolved*, that this Convention duly appreciate, and highly approve, the liberal and truly christian example, afforded by the Vestry and Wardens of Grace Church, Sullivan’s Island, and they sincerely hope that such an example will produce the most beneficial effects.

“ *Resolved*, whenever from any other source or sources, a sum not exceeding [1500] dollars, can be otherwise raised to meet the additional expenses of the current year, occasioned to any particular Church, by the circumstance of the Rector thereof, being the Bishop, *Locum tenens*, that the whole of the principal and interest of any sums heretofore, or which may hereafter be, subscribed towards the Bishop’s Fund, be exclusively appropriated to the increase of the Permanent Fund.”

The President, having obtained permission to leave the Chair, appointed the Rev. Mr. Gervais, to preside during his absence.

The Report and Resolutions were then read, and the question taken on each in succession.

Report and 1st *Resolution*, agreed to unanimously.

2d *Resolution* ; agreed to unanimously.

3d *Resolution* ; agreed to unanimously.

4th *Resolution* ; agreed to unanimously.

5th *Resolution*. It was moved by the Hon. Judge Huger, to amend the Resolution by adding the following: “ Therefore *Resolved*, that the Members of the Convention will subscribe the amount of their State tax for the year 1820 ; one fourth thereof to be paid annually, for the four next ensuing years, in aid of the Bishop’s Permanent Fund ; deducting such amount as may have been heretofore subscribed or paid by them, for the same purpose ; [and that the members of the Convention do recommend to their respective Churches to do the same.”]

The question on the amendment being taken by Churches, was lost, as follows :

AYES.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.
 Edisto Island.
 Lower St. Mark's.
 St. James', Goose-Creek.
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 St. Luke's.
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 Upper St. Mark's.
 St. Stephen's, Black Oak
 and the Rocks.
 St. James', Greenville.
 St. Paul's, Pendleton District—11.

DIVIDED.

St. John's Berkley.
 St. Bartholomews.

It was then moved by the Hon. Judge Huger, to add the foregoing proposed amendment, except what is included within the brackets. The question being taken it was lost.

The question was then taken on the original Resolution, and agreed to.

6th Resolution. The Blank being filled with \$1500, the question was then taken upon the Resolution, and unanimously agreed to.

The question was then taken on the whole of the Report and Resolutions, and unanimously agreed to.

The President having resumed the Chair, it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, and agreed to; That the Clergy, and the Vestries of the several Parishes, be respectfully requested to co-operate with the Agent, or Agents, of the General Theological Seminary, in devising the best means for calling forth the liberality of their respective Congregations, in aid of the said Institution.

It was moved by Mr. Dawson, that a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into the state of property belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Parishes where there exist no Vestries, to consider and adopt the measures which may be necessary for securing the same, to the uses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state; and report their proceedings to the next Convention.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Lance, to amend the Resolution, by adding between the words "to inquire," the following: "act in concert with a Committee appointed by the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, to"; so that the Resolution may read thus: That a Committee of three be appointed to act in concert with a Committee appointed by the *Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*, to inquire into the state of property belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Parishes where there exist no Vestries, to consider and adopt the measures which may be necessary for securing the same, to the uses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state; and report their proceedings to the next Convention."

The question being taken on the amendment, it was agreed to. The question was then taken upon the Resolution so amended, and agreed to.

Whereupon, the President appointed the following Committee : John Dawson, William Brisbane and David Alexander.

Mr. C. C. Pinckney, jun. laid on the table, the following amendments to the Constitution, for consideration at the next Convention :

“ In the 10th Article, the words “Standing Committee,” wherever the word “ Convention” occurs ; and instead of “ such Clergyman shall be censured, suspended or degraded,” insert, “ such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Standing Committee shall determine” ; and strike out the words, “ in case of degradation,” so that it will read, “ the Bishop shall pronounce sentence, whether it be censure, suspension or degradation,” &c.

On motion, for the appointment of Delegates to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention, the President appointed the following gentlemen :

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D.	Col. Lewis Morris,
The Rev. Christian Hanckell,	William Heyward,
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy,	Robert J. Turnbull,
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,	Hon. Benjamin Huger,

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, *Resolved*, that the Canons passed at the last General Convention, be published with the Journals of this Convention.

Mr. Brisbane laid on the table, the following amendment to the Constitution, for consideration at the next Convention : To strike out the 9th Article, and insert in its place :

“ In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, the members shall vote individually : But any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, shall have it in their power to require a separate vote of each Order, in which case the Clergymen shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen employed in the same Church having but one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (the majority of each delegation having but one vote,) the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention.”

The Treasurer laid before the Convention his annual Report of Receipts and Expenditures, by which it appears, that the receipts in the last year, including the balance of \$62, received from the former Treasurer, amounted to \$157, and the disbursements, to \$55. 93 $\frac{1}{4}$, leaving a balance in hand, of \$101. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$. The Report was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention given to the Treasurer for his services.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden laid on the table, the following new Article to the Constitution, for the consideration of the next Convention :

“ Delegates shall be elected by the several Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of each Church respectively.”

It was moved by Mr. Brisbane, “ that it is inexpedient to continue the practice of returning thanks for Sermons, preached before the Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, and requesting copies for publication.” The further consideration of this motion was postponed.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary, for their respective services.

Ordered, that the Secretary do procure a box, for the repository of the books and papers of the Convention.

Ordered, that 300 copies of the Journal be printed.

After Prayers, by the President, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned.

(Attested)
FRED. DALCHO, *Sec'y.*

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

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Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, for their government :

Article 1st.— A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and

in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention; but if a sufficient number of the Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

Article 2d.—Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the State, to represent them in the State Convention: The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper; to serve twelve months from the time of election; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

Article 3d.—The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

Article 4th.—Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church employed in this Diocese, with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

Article 5th.—The Bishop of the Diocese, shall be, *ex officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

Article 6th.—A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (to continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

Article 7th.—A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

Article 8th.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

Article 9th.—In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, the Representatives of each Church shall vote conjointly; each Church having one vote, and a majority of votes shall be decisive.

Article 10th.—Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be censured, suspended or degraded, as the Convention shall determine; and in case of degradation, the Bishop shall pronounce the sentence, and he shall request (in the name of the Convention) the Vestry or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, to dismiss him from the charge of their Church.

Article 11th.—The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches; and, generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State.

Article 12th.—No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this State, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

Article 13th.—To the intent that the Church in this State should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their Colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

Article 14th.—The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, shall be used in the Churches of this Diocese.

Article 15th.—No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION, 1820.

CANON I.

Repealing a part of the forty-fifth Canon, passed in 1808.

That part of the forty-fifth Canon which requires the Episcopal addresses inserted on the Journal of each State or Diocesan Convention, to be read in the house of Clerical and Lay-Deputies in General Convention, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Repealing the first Canon passed in 1817.

The principal object contemplated by the first Canon passed in General Convention in the year 1817, having been accomplished by the election and consecration of a Bishop for the Diocese of Ohio, the said Canon is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

Concerning Pastoral Letters.

Whereas there is reason to fear, that the Pastoral Letters issued from time to time by the House of Bishops, and addressed to the members of the Episcopal Church, fail of their intended effect for want of sufficient publicity: It is hereby made the duty of every Clergyman, having a pastoral charge, when any such letter is published, to read the same to his Congregation on some occasion of public worship.

CANON IV.

In addition to the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

In the case of a Minister of some other denomination of Christians applying for holy orders in this Church, the Standing Committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good morals and orderly conduct, from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided, the members of the Committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CANON V.

Amending the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has officiated as a Minister, among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Church, the Bishop, to whom application is made, shall require of him (in addition to the qualifications made necessary by the seventeenth Canon,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States, previous to his application.

CANON VI.

Of the consecration of Bishops during the recess of the General Convention.

If, during the recess of the General Convention, the Church in any State or Diocese should be desirous of the consecration of a Bishop elect, the Standing Committee of the Church in such State or Diocese may, by their president, or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the Standing Committees, of the Churches in the different States, together with copies of the necessary testimonials: and if the major number of the Standing Committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Standing Committee of the State or Diocese concerned, shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, who shall communicate the same to all the Bishops

in this Church in the United States ; and if a majority of the Bishops should consent to the consecration, the presiding Bishop with any two Bishops, may proceed to perform the same ; or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

The evidence of the consent of the different Standing Committees, shall be in the form prescribed for the House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies in General Convention ; and without the aforesaid requisites, no consecration shall take place during the recess of the General Convention.—But in case the election of a Bishop shall take place within a year before the meeting of the General Convention, all matters relative to the consecration shall be deferred until the next meeting.

The fifth Canon is hereby repealed.

CANON VII.

To govern in the case of a Minister declaring that he will no longer be a Minister of the Church.

If any Minister of this Church shall declare to the Bishop of the Diocese to which he belongs, or to any Ecclesiastical authority for the trial of Clergymen, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, his renunciation of the Ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof ; it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, where there is no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to admonish, or to suspend him, or to displace him from his grade in the Ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three Clergymen, that the person, so declaring, has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade in the Ministry in this Church. In any Diocese, in which there is no Bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the Bishop of any other Diocese, invited by the Standing Committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the Ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give notice thereof to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee in every Diocese, wherein there is no Bishop.

The second Canon of 1817 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Concerning Candidates for Orders.

In addition to the testimonials produced by a person wishing to become a Candidate for holy orders as prescribed by the seventh Canon, he must lay before the Standing Committee a satisfactory diploma, or certificate from the instructors of some approved literary institution, or a certificate from two Presbyters appointed by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to examine him, of his possessing such academical learning as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of theology.

When a person applying to be admitted a Candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin and Greek Languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, to be dispensed with, the Standing Committee shall not recommend him as a Candidate, until he has laid before them a testimonial signed by at least two Presbyters of the Church, stating that, in their opinion, he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence.

Done in General Convention, in the City of Philadelphia, in the year of our Lord 1820.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE, *Presiding Bishop.*

Attested.

WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies.

WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

[These, with the Canons published in Dalcho's History of the Church in South-Carolina, are all the Canons of the General Convention now of force.]